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Assassination of President John F. Kennedy November 22, 1963

REFERENCE TO MIAMI MARCH 29, 1977.

AT 7:10 P.M., MARCH 29, 1977, MR. RAY ROCCA, FORMER CIA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED WILLIAM O. CREGAR, DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ, AND ADVISED THAT MR. EDWARD J. EPSTEIN (PH.), WHO IS AN OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER DOING RESEARCH UNDER A CONTRACT WITH READER'S DIGEST LOOKING INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ROCCA EARLIER IN THE EVENING. EPSTEIN ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWING GIE (FNU) DE MOHRENSCHILD. DE MOHRENSCHILD HAD BEEN DEPOSED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION. ROCCA BELIEVED THAT DE MOHRENSCHILD'S DEPOSITION WAS INCOMPLETE, INADEQUATE AND PROBABLY DID NOT REPRESENT DE MOHRENSCHILD'S COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER. EPSTEIN DEBRIEFED DE MOHRENSCHILD AND GIE THE FIRST DEBRIEFING OBTAINED "EXTRAORDINARY REVELATIONS." FOLLOWING AN EARLY MORNING DEBRIEFING

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TODAY, MARCH 29, 1977, EPPSTEIN RETURNED TO DE MORENSCHILD'S RESIDENCE AND LEARNED HE HAD JUST COMMITTED SUICIDE.

ACCORDING TO EPPSTEIN, DE MORENSCHILD LEFT WITH AN UNNAMED LAWYER IN DALLAS, TEXAS, A PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD HOLDING A RIFLE. THIS IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE A NEW PHOTOGRAPH, BUT ONE WHICH IT IS BELIEVED FBI HAS SEEN BEFORE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO DE MORENSCHILD, THE PHOTO HE LEFT WITH THE LAWYER WAS INSCRIBED BY MARINA OSWALD WITH THE FOLLOWING: "LONG LIVE THE ASSASSINS." ROCCA HAS LONG BEEN OF THE OPINION THAT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS AN INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE CASE IN THAT OSWALD WAS USED BY THE SOVIETS. ROCCA ALSO RAISES THE QUESTION COULD THE DE MORENSCHILD DEATH BE THE WORK OF THE SOVIETS RATHER THAN SUICIDE.

EDWARD J. EPPSTEIN IS STAYING AT THE BREAKERS, KEY WEST, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER (305) 655-6611, EXTENSION 4179.

MIAMI SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW EPPSTEIN REGARDING REVELATIONS MADE TO HIM BY DE MORENSCHILD. MIAMI SHOULD USE WILLIAM O. GAGAR'S NAME AND EPPSTEIN'S TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH RAY ROCCA TO SUBSTANTIATE BONA FIDES FOR INTERVIEW. SINCE PROBABLY NO ONE IN THE MIAMI OFFICE IS COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH OSWALD CASE, TELL EPPSTEIN THAT, BUT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION DE MORENSCHILD FURNISHED EPPSTEIN WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE NEW REVELATIONS OR SUBSTANTIATE INFORMATION

MIAMI SHOULD INTERVIEW EPPSTEIN, GET ALL THE INFORMATION HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FROM DE ROTHSCHILD, SEND IMEDIATE TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, AND FBIHQ WILL EVALUATE TO DECIDE WHAT LEADS SHOULD BE SET OUT FOR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED.

BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF NEW REVELATIONS, EPPSTEIN SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REFRAIN FROM FURNISHING THESE REVELATIONS TO ANY OTHER POLICE AGENCY OR NEWS MEDIA UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NEW REVELATIONS CAN BE EITHER SUBSTANTIATED OR PROVEN FALSE.

IN ADDITION, MIAMI TAKE STEPS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ANY PROBABILITY OR POSSIBILITY THAT DE ROTHSCHILD'S DEATH COULD HAVE BEEN OTHER THAN SUICIDE.

IMEDIATE TELETYPE TO FBIHQ CONCERNING EPPSTEIN'S INTERVIEW SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED TO GATHER ADDITIONAL FACTS REGARDING DE ROTHSCHILD'S DEATH.

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ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED FOR INFO. DALLAS. Dallas will review pertinent files for background and await instructions. All subsequent investigation must be given most expeditious handling. Regards

NOTE:

Above data telephonically furnished by Mr. Deegan to Intelligence Division Supervisor P. Anthony Tamburo and was relayed telephonically to Special Agent Michael O. Lowman at 7:55 p.m., 3/29/77.

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